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MR. JOSLYN'S criticism in the house yesterday upon the next administration's Helena organ was a little harsh, considering it is such a tender young thing. Give it time, Mr. Joslyn.

THE people of Nevada voted yesterday upon the adoption of a constitutional amendment forbidding the establishment of lotteries and the playing of games of chance for money or other thing of value.

THE New York papers are dividing their attention about equally between the discussion of Gen. Harrison's cabinet selections and what will happen should "Johnny" Ward refuse to play base-ball with the Boston club during the approaching season.

AN attempt is being made by the republican press of Montana to draw attention from the fact that the republican United States senate and the republican legislative assembly of Montana are fighting against the admission of the territories under a bill which at least is satisfactory to Montana. The effort won't succeed.

A REPUBLICAN president four months after his party's national convention had declared "that the appointments of officers in the territories should be made from the bona fide citizens and residents of the territories wherein they are to serve" sent a citizen and resident of New York to occupy the executive office of Montana. And yet republican journals tell their readers that their party has violated no pledge to the territories.

COL. WILBUR F. SANDERS is of the opinion, as indicated in his communication published in the Herald on Saturday, that unless Montana is admitted to the union by the present congress it will require extraordinary efforts to secure admission within the next year. The present is a crisis when whatever influence the legislature may possess should be invoked to obtain the passage of a bill which would put it within the power of this territory to enter the union. The insincerity of the judicial system, the discrimination against the territories in the national mining laws, and the general unfitness of the territorial system of government require that the change be made speedily.

THE joint resolution offered in the council yesterday to adjourn sine die on the 25th inst. is not a novelty in legislative proceedings. Similar resolutions have been adopted in one branch or the other of several previous legislatures, only to be rejected by the house whose concurrence was necessary to give it effect. If the assembly gets through its work within the statutory sixty days it will be doing very well, even though one or two of the members are obliged to forego the pleasure of a visit to Washington to witness the inauguration ceremonies. The house, if it reaches that body, will probably vote down Dr. Cole's adjournment resolution and so convey the advice to the council to "saw wood" until the time arrives to go home.

A NEW YORK paper states that President and Mrs. Cleveland will, after March 4, remove to the Gerlach flats, on Twenty-seventh street, near Broadway, New York, where they will occupy apartments consisting of two connecting suits of rooms on either the third or sixth floor. The suit will embrace a parlor and large salon, fronting on Twenty-seventh street. In the rear of the parlor are bed and bath rooms. In the rear of the salon are library, another parlor, three bedrooms, bath and dressing rooms, all opening on two long private halls. Other people at present living in the Gerlach are ex-Postmaster-General Thomas L. James and wife, Postmaster Pearson, George S. Coe, President of the American Exchange Bank; Rev. Dr. Vermilyea; Mrs. Frank Leslie, Chevalier Sevel and wife, John Bigelow and wife, John Gilsey and Miss Emma Thursty.

JURY-DRAWING.
A subject which is likely soon to come before the legislative assembly is the method of drawing grand and petit jurors and summoning them to appear in court. Under the present system it is easily within the power of county commissioners to summon a grand jury which shall do a certain thing which should not be done or not do some other thing which should be done. The existing law it is proposed to amend so that the drawing shall be by lot in fact as well as in theory. There is room also for improvement in the line of economy in the method of summoning jurors. The present system is a most costly one, permitting as it does the collection of mileage fees, often far in excess of what the law contemplated. It has been suggested that for this system there be substituted one which shall provide for service of notice by publication, as is provided in certain suits at law, or through the mails, or both, failure to answer such summons to be punishable by suitable fines. The proposition is well worth considering when it is remembered that its adoption would

effect a legitimate saving to the territory of thousands of dollars in the course of each year. It might reduce the emoluments of sheriff, and in that way hasten the abolition of the fee system, which is alike vexatious to conscientious officers and costly to the counties, and in this it would be effecting a beneficial result.

A POLITICAL CHAPLAIN.
A very disagreeable scene occurred in the New York senate, the other day. Instead of having a stated chaplain, the senate has placed in the hands of a committee the duty of inviting different clergymen to petition the throne of grace on behalf of the entire body. On the 5th inst. the prayer was made by Rev. S. V. Leach, of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Albany, who, according to the World's correspondent, "habitually tells the Almighty that the faults of politics are due to the democrats and the blessings to the republicans," and who on this particular occasion referred to the corruption of elections in great cities and prayed for deliverance from "the political gamblers who buy up the votes of the ignorant immigrants, who comprise such a large proportion of the members of the senate." After several members of the senate had scored the preacher for "assailing the political majority of our cities as being ignorant immigrants committed to superstition," one member alone defending him, the lieutenant-governor ruled the whole discussion out of order.

The complaint against the preacher was well founded. Under the laws of this country foreigners may become citizens with all rights as such pertaining to native-born men. The assumption that they are purchased at elections is no more likely to be true than would be the same charge against native Americans of the same grade of intelligence. It certainly leads men no nearer their creator to covertly attack their political party through the medium of a prayer.

IRRIGATION.
In connection with the subject of the establishment of a territorial system of irrigation, it should be remembered by legislators and taxpayers that whatever expense the territory is put to will be more than repaid by the increase in taxable values that is certain to result. Every acre of arid land that is reclaimed by irrigation—and that method will result, if capital is given reasonable encouragement to engage in it, in the reclamation of hundreds of thousands of acres—will add to the taxable wealth of Montana. The immediate cost of initiating a system such as the Helena board of trade's bill contemplates will be trifling in comparison with the advantages it will ensure. The bill has not yet been introduced in the legislature, those who have the subject in charge being engaged in a final revision of it. The legislature, composed in large part of representatives of the agricultural interests, is fully alive to the importance of the subject, and doubtless will deal with it in a spirit of fairness.

STANLEY'S TACT.
The Explorer's Success in Dealing With Native Africans.

H. H. Johnson relates a story, says the New York Tribune, which strikingly reveals one great secret of Mr. Stanley's success in dealing with the uncivilized tribes of Africa. On one occasion Mr. Stanley went to meet an important but rather unimportant named Nyanzila, an island in Stanley Pool. The chief came with a great retinue and with his ancestral fetish. This was a repulsive-looking thing, made of a monkey's skull and red clay, studded with cowries and hung with little bells. In it Nyanzila believed the spirits of his ancestors dwelt, and he treated it with veneration, and from time to time poured wine upon it and placed it on a stool in front of him. The chief introduced the fetish to Mr. Stanley, rather anxiously. The average white man would probably have laughed at it and asked the chief why he believed in such absurdities. But this great explorer set for a camp chair and respectfully placed the fetish in it, so that Nyanzila's ancestors might be present at the conference; and when lunch time came Mr. Stanley put food into its mouth and poured wine upon it. Mr. Stanley did the same. The result was that Nyanzila, who had been very hostile to Mr. Stanley, became his devoted friend. Perhaps by this time the mission forces have landed in force, his wretched idolatry; but they would never have had a chance to do so had not Mr. Stanley first treated his fetish with courtesy.

TERRITORIAL JOTTINGS.
Great Falls Tribune: A vigilance committee of something like it might be useful if organized in Montana. The merchants should also form a protective association against "dead beats." The losses from such amount to a big sum annually.

Lewistown, Fergus county, is agitating the question of establishing a hospital. It is proposed to raise a stipulated sum to be paid to the hospital, the amount subscribed by each individual entitling him to medical treatment and nursing for the period of one year.

Stevensville Tribune: Since the 10th of October, 1888, the Stevensville post office has issued \$100 in money orders and postal notes. This office receives over 2,000 letters every month, and over 2,000 papers and packages every week. These figures represent a vast amount of work and but little pay as this office is rated only fourth class. Mr. D. Hatch, the present incumbent of this office has proven himself capable and efficient.

River Press: Wm. Lynn, who has just returned from the Sweet Grass hills, reports that while there is considerable snow between the Muddy and the Marias there is hardly any from the Marias to the hills, where there is about four or five inches. There is splendid feed on the other side of the Marias, and cattle are working towards the hills and the Milk river. Being on a business trip and pressed for time Mr. Lynn did not go to the mines, so there is nothing fresh concerning them.

Winter Excursions to California.
On the 15th day of every month the Northern Pacific Railroad company will sell excursion tickets to San Francisco and return at \$75; to Los Angeles and return, \$84. These tickets have an extreme limit of six months from date of issuance, and can be used going any time within sixty (60) days from date of sale. Stop-overs allowed at any point desired—either going or returning—within limit of ticket. Excursionists have choice of two routes from Portland—by steamer, or by rail, via the famous Mount Shasta route. Bear in mind that the Northern Pacific is the only line running through sleeping and dining cars to the Pacific coast.

Job Work.
The INDEPENDENT job rooms are now the most complete in the territory. Within the past few weeks we have received a complete line of new type, and are now prepared to do both plain and fancy work on the shortest notice.

Notice to Subscribers.
We have within the past few days received many remittances from subscribers who fail to give their postoffice addresses. Several have also neglected to sign their names. Many wish to have their addresses changed, but fail to give their former post-office. Subscribers will confer a great favor and save unnecessary delay by giving correctly the name of their present and former addresses.

Excursion Rates East.
The Union Pacific railway company will sell excursion tickets from Helena to Council Bluffs, Omaha, St. Joseph, Leavenworth and Kansas City from Jan. 20 to 25, inclusive, for \$40 for the round trip, good ninety days from date of sale.

Cure for Sick Headache.
If you want a remedy for biliousness, pimples in the face, and a sure cure for sick headache, ask H. S. Hale & Co., the druggists, for a free sample of Dr. Gunn's Liver Pills. Only one for a dose; full box 25 cents.

THE MARKETS.

STOCKS.
New York, Feb. 11.—Bar silver, 95 1/2. Copper—Dull and stronger; lake, February, \$16.60. Lead—Weaker and quiet; domestic, \$3.70. The stock market was remarkably strong today, although the advance noted was in speculative prices, and the three leading groups of shares, trunk lines, grangers and coal stocks, were all quiet and fluctuated within the narrowest limits. At the opening the feeling was very bullish, but first prices were quite irregular as compared with final figures Saturday. Speculation took the lead in the upward movement, but Oregon Short Line came to the front and was soon followed by Union Pacific. Burlington was strong, its stock was generally well held. Government bonds fell 1/2 cent. Petroleum opened strong at 10 1/2 and closed steady at 10 1/2. Government bonds, 4 1/2, 4 1/2, 4 1/2; Northern Pacific, 30; preferred, 4 1/2; Oregon National, 30; Oregon Improvement, 30; Transcontinental, 30; Union Pacific, 30. Money—on call easy. Prime mercantile paper, 4 1/2, 4 1/2, 4 1/2; demand, 4 1/2, 4 1/2.

LIVE STOCK.
Chicago, Feb. 11.—Cattle—Receipts 12,000; strong for good, others steady; choice to extra, \$1.00 to \$1.25; heavy, \$1.00 to \$1.25; stockers and feeders, \$1.00 to \$1.25. Hogs—Receipts 10,000; strong for good, others steady; choice to extra, \$1.00 to \$1.25; heavy, \$1.00 to \$1.25; stockers and feeders, \$1.00 to \$1.25. Sheep—Receipts 8,000; strong for good, others steady; choice to extra, \$1.00 to \$1.25; heavy, \$1.00 to \$1.25; stockers and feeders, \$1.00 to \$1.25.

CHICAGO PRODUCE.
Chicago, Feb. 11.—Wheat—Strong and higher; cash, \$1.00 to \$1.25; March, \$1.00 to \$1.25; May, \$1.00 to \$1.25. Corn—Steady; cash, \$1.00 to \$1.25; March, \$1.00 to \$1.25; May, \$1.00 to \$1.25. Pork—Steady; cash, \$1.00 to \$1.25; March, \$1.00 to \$1.25; May, \$1.00 to \$1.25. Lard—Steady; cash, \$1.00 to \$1.25; March, \$1.00 to \$1.25; May, \$1.00 to \$1.25.

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Sheriff's Sale.
R. C. Ashby & Co., plaintiffs, vs. C. J. Stueben, defendant.
To be sold at sheriff's sale at the Ashley ranch, near Wolf creek, on Friday, Feb. 22, 1889, at 10 o'clock a. m., of said day, all the right, title and interest in and to certain premises, situated in Lewis and Clarke county, Montana, territory, to-wit:
Twenty lots of hay.
Eight one half head of cattle.
One Denick hay press.
Eight head of horses.
One bay horse, branded C. J. right hip, one Woods maver.
One screw horse, (no brand seen).
One bay mare, white strip on forehead, branded C. J. right hip.
One black colt, star on forehead, (no brand seen).
Two bay work horses.
One McCormick binder.
One bay horse, thin brand left hip.
One jumping cart.
Twenty five cows, steers and calves (more or less).

Proposals for Field Seeds.
U. S. Indian Service.
Crow Agency, Montana.
Sealed proposals endorsed "Proposals for Field Seeds" and addressed to the undersigned at Crow Agency, Mont., will be received at this agency until one o'clock of Feb. 27, 1889, for furnishing and delivering at the Crow Agency, Mont., about six pounds seed corn; 4,500 pounds seed oats; 4,500 pounds seed potatoes; 4,500 pounds seed wheat.
Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check on some U. S. depository for at least 5 per cent of the amount of the proposal, which check or draft will be forfeited to the U. S. in case any bidder or bidders receiving an award shall fail to promptly execute a contract with good and suitable securities; otherwise to be returned to the bidder.
For further information apply to the undersigned.
E. P. BRISCOE,
U. S. Indian Agent.

Notice of Disolution.
The hereby give notice that the co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of Ketchum & DeNoelle, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.
JOHN F. KETCHUM,
R. W. DENOELLE.

Notice of Co-partnership.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have this day entered into a co-partnership under the firm name of Ketchum, DeNoelle & Co. The first business of said partnership shall be to carry on the old firm of Ketchum & DeNoelle.
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